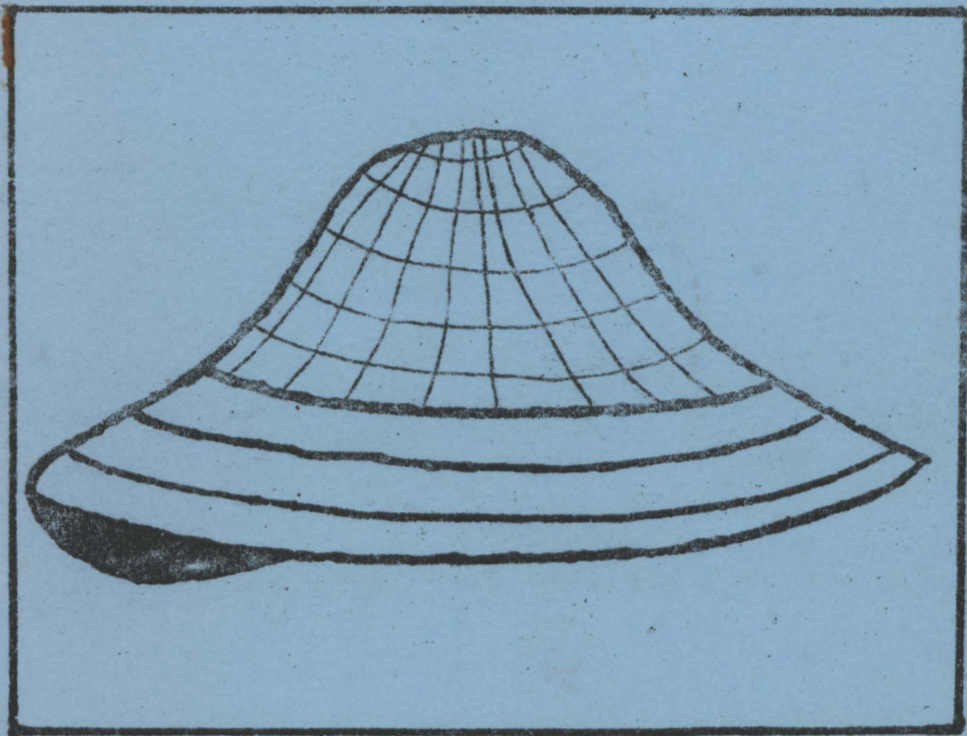


# NUFON

## NEWS



Monthly Newsletter of the  
**NORTHERN UFO NETWORK**



IN THE POST

OH DEAR! THEM AGAIN::

MAR 16:: APEN NORTH "There has been a slight change in our orders which necessitates delay of delivery of our North Wales preliminary report. Our new orders stipulate we must not release above until we first contact certain UNO member groups directly. When we have complied with this the orders will be carried through without further delay.

(Ho. Hum! This is rather beginning to send me to sleep. If you do hear from them let us know. SEE P.10 for Mike Deans view)

BUFORA &amp; NUFON::

A good many communications have come my way with the feelings that NUFON is becoming too BUFORA orientated and that to an outsider it could well seem as if we are being 'taken over'. Since NUFON is YOU obviously these feelings are important. The tendency has been noted and though subconscious attempts have been made to prevent our going too far, BUFORA have been made aware of the mood AND told that they can only blame themselves for not acting quickly or decisively on their group liaison scheme. It has been pointed out that BUFORA are not the ONLY association AND that our independence is important. This is all true but nobody disputes the value of MUTUAL cooperation with them. Two things have already emerged (NUFON group news in the national journal and the implementation of a tape library - see later). This exchange of information IS a step in the right direction. Still keep telling us your view - it is that which will decide our actions. To round off I will paraphrase some comments SUFORS passed onto BUFORA regarding their circular to non-affiliated groups:

"The proposals were welcome and did show BUFORA were trying to come up to date. By 'selling' report forms and taking a copy for files it does seem like the group paying to supply BUFORA with information. Getting a report printed in the journal is not a privilege. By asking for affiliation fees they are sounding dictatorial. The measures do not go far enough."

He asked for a reappraisal of the situation and a new circular. The reply received promised that the points raised would be discussed in committee but felt the criticisms were 'strong'. Whilst I am sure that some will agree and disagree on each point on the whole I would not term these other than fair questions deserving of an answer. At least NUFON will not affiliate to BUFORA so as a part of NUFON neither need you do so directly.

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EDITORIAL:: 'An Important message to UFO groups'

Could a national association of UFO groups work? On the basis of me nobody I do not believe so - and honestly feel that the only way success can be achieved is by independent and geographically linked liaison structures of NUFON

Everyone is aware of BUFORA's failure to unite local groups. This is largely due to its inherent impossibility, though there is no doubt such a long standing association could AND SHOULD do more. There are signs in the air but we cannot feel optimistic until something is DONE not talked about.

Now it would seem SCAN (Bournemouth) WATSUP (Wessex) and NUFOIS (Nottingham) have decided to stop waiting and try a NEW national group - called CUPID. What follows is NOT an intended derision of their idea NOR sour grapes because it is 'stealing NUFON's thunder' simply what seem to be relevant points:

- 1: Though all three above groups are aware of NUFON's function and existence no direct communication whatsoever has reached us about the proposals. No northern groups were invited to their planning meeting either. Does that seem odd???
- 2: NUFOIS, falling roughly in the NUFON region, have long been invited to cooperate - but declined since they felt the fee was too high (???). Of course we have tried since to persuade them to cooperate and pointed out there is no fee - which they have treated with a total lack of even a reply!
- 3: SCAN & WATSUP have both been contacted, sent free copies of the newsletter, suggested to exchange information and tapes. Neither bothered to respond at all.

It has been politely pointed out that there ARE UFO groups North of Birmingham who ARE well organised. The apparent snub was noted but that NUFON was not upset by this. We offered to help, made suggestions and asked for details. So far two letters have not brought anything. These are the points raised by my letters arguing against one national 'super group':



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- 3) It would be centralised. Groups can feel more a part of a local set up. Would Bournemouth be any easier than London for you?
- 4) There are 12 NUFON groups. On a national scale good communication would fail through too many groups. There would be a danger of an authoritative committee which you would feel isolated from.

It was suggested SJAN concentrate on a regional structure for the South, and one for the Midlands too. These three units could profitably link up nationally - whilst your group retains some independence and importance. SUFOR visited Nottingham and were told NUFON groups were going to be invited in. Of course it is up to you - but IF, when invited, we all hold out for a set of reasonable proposals then by the response of CUFID we will see if they really are concerned about forming the best possible national group cooperation (rather than an amalgamated super group)

RYUIG::

#### GROUP NEWS

Quiet on the sighting front so they are working on a report dealing with UFOs & Animal disturbance. NUFON hopes to publish this shortly. If you have any contributions send to Alan Walsh (back pg)

DICAP:: Invite persons to their meetings at the Friends Meeting House in Central Manchester on Friday April 11 & May 9

MUFORA:: Plans are underway for the late May/early June mini conference. Norman Oliver has confirmed he will be available. Pete Warrington would still like to hear from groups who will be able to put on some kind of display/ or short talk on themselves.

RIGAP:: The Rossendale Society are now known as the ROSSENDALE INVESTIGATION GROUP on AERIAL PHENOMENA. They make several points.

- Groups should pool ideas on research and sighting follow up
- A reference officer could copy all groups clippings, photos etc to loan to other groups for project work.
- Suggest investigators carry sets of cut out discs to help the witness judge sizes more accurately. (They find coins less useful)

WUFOS:: Wish to coordinate the publicity week (see P5) and would like to hear from any groups wishing to exchange newsletters for WUFOS excellent bimonthly Skylink publication.

Yorks (DUFORA):: Have been interviewed, so I believe, by the York Post (as was NUFON) for a major feature article on UFOs. A re-lead has been declined to date. NUFON is not mentioned in the article.

#### GENERAL NEWS

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS:

Many people have kindly renewed subscriptions BUT others have not. Obviously this is unfair but since there was a little confusion over rates the deadline was extended to this issue. Unfortunately NO FURTHER ISSUES can be sent until the yearly rate (from March) is renewed: rates are:-

1 issue PER MONTH (£1.50)	2, 3 & 4 (£1. extra each)
5 issues £5	10 issues £8      15 issues £12.

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#### SPECIAL ISSUES:

The booklist is now in short supply. Postal increases just after press date last month necessitated a late adjustment in price. It is now 10p - but well worthwhile.

NEW RELEASE: (Limited issue) SUFOR SPECIAL REPORT

Contains an essay on UFOs & Folklore and a full analysis of research into Sociology of SUFOR area reports. 20p

#### NATIONAL PUBLICITY WEEK:

WUFOS are intending to coordinate this scheme in the near future. A date will be decided and groups will be asked to harry local and national press, TV and radio with publicity on your group, NUFON and serious UFO research. To try to avoid unwanted sensationalism by the press a rough outline of what to include (a sort of press release) will be published next month. Ideas to KEN GREEN 760 New Chester Rd Bromborough

#### TAPE LIBRARY SCHEME:

An arrangement has been made with DUFORA to secure cassette tape copies of their London lectures on a regular basis. This prompts the idea of a lending scheme. We do unfortunately have to pay for the blank cassettes to record on (and each lecture takes at least two). IF we keep copies we would have to charge about 20p to loan them out - otherwise they would need to be returned within say two months. We need to know what support the system would get. GROUPS only could loan them for a maximum of TWO WEEKS. To be fair only two lectures per time could be loaned to one group. New tapes (eg TV & Radio shows, group talks) could be added each month (WITH YOUR HELP). DUFORA tapes MAY be re-recorded to be fair. Tapes must be checked with the group concerned.



# IN THE NEWS:

Mar 2: Interesting food for JYUIGs research was the People feature on animals being disturbed by microwave energies. Interesting considering microwaves are now being considered in connection with UFO war stopping incidents.

Mar 6: Carl Sagan on BBC2 answered question about why ET life is not around: - "They may be - but we are too dumb to recognise them!"

Mar 16: News of World feature asks will we end up in a human zoo? It treats Science and the UFO well but gets facts in a middle EG 'Prof Allen HYETH' 'Lionel Beer - secretary of the UFO Research Assoc' etc. The MCD emphasise their position 'We're only really concerned in defence implications' (If they are so sure there is nothing to it surely by now they would accept there were none?) then add the typical response to a major UFO report 'It was on the flightpath to Heathrow so it was OBVIOUSLY an aircraft!'

Late Mar: Derbyshire News featured a big story on WUFOS which was factual and well presented

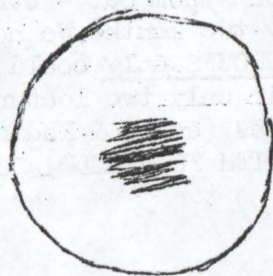
## BOOKLIST ADDITIONS -March 1975

2	H	Escape to Inner Earth	R Bernard	£2.60
7	M	Inforespace	SOLEPS	
14/7	M	Lumiers Dans la Nuit	R Olloer	
15	H	Bermuda Triangle	C Berlitz	£3.25
15	P	Extraterrestrial visitation	J Bergier	75p
7	F	Les Extra-terrestres	J Peireirq	F24,0
a/9	P&H	Ufology, New Insights	J McDonald	(£3.95&9.95)
b	B	UFO book list	M Dean	10p
b	B	SUFORS Special Report	N. Watson	20p

(a= Wirral UFO Society suppliers

b= NUFON suppliers)

NAPRA REPORT: 7008



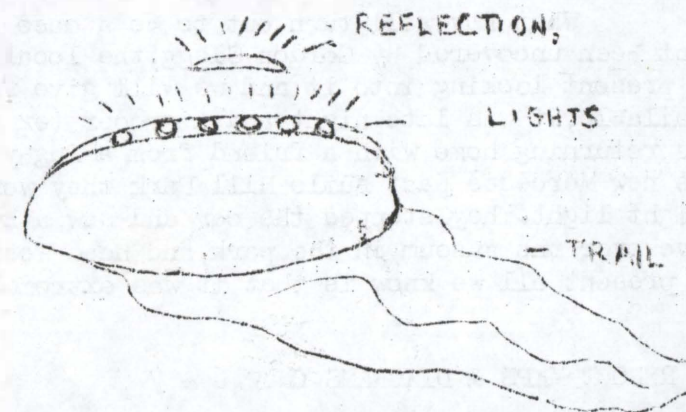
# THE NUFON FILM:

Discussion has been taking place on tape of Nigel Watsons idea (based on a suggestion from Essex UFO) to produce a documentary film giving a fair image of Ufology. This could be available for group meetings and publicity purposes.

Basically the idea is to introduce it with a survey of the national UFO scene, emphasising local group work, coordination through NUFON and national associations. It could then zoom in on groups isolating various aspects of their work, eg investigation techniques, research schemes, meetings and lectures. The aim of course being to show Ufology is not a social club for nutcases but a serious subject. Hopefully the official attitude could be illustrated and examples of coordinated group work. If several groups agree to cooperate on this there is no reason why a 45 minute film could not be economically viable.

We now really need a planning committee to look into the details and work things out financially. Since it is Nigels idea it seems fair to ask him to chair it - and hopefully others (including those already showing interest on tape) will help out. A meeting will be needed at some stage (though this can be slotted into other affairs such as the Harley Conference OR the Manchester Lectures in May & June). A lot of groundwork can be done, though, by post and tape (perhaps a special circuit just for committee members). Naturally NUFON will freely print any circulars etc which are required. Let us not be put off by the seeming size of this task - it could be very valuable.

NAPRA REPORT 7339





INVESTIGATION SECTIONPrevious Reports:

It would seem that certain statements regarding report 7459 (see last month) should be treated with caution. In fact the possibility of a co-operative witness is being looked at.

May 1970      Prescott      20-45      NAPRA      7008

A man and his wife reported the observation of an unusual object from an unknown date in May 1970. It was a round, fuzzy ball of light - yellowish around the edges - with a dark central patch. Its apparent size was that of a tennis racket and it looked similar to the full moon in appearance. It hovered at about 500' for 20 minutes before moving off slowly on a W-E path.

NOVEMBER 15 1973 Prescott      FM      NAPRA      7339

A most spectacular sighting was recorded by a semi skilled worker one evening. He saw a Disc, the apparent size of a penny, with rotating lights coloured red, yellow and blue. It travelled on a NE - NW course at a speed of only 5-10 Mph before going out of sight behind some houses. Its height was described as only 5000 and the unusual feature of a vapour trail can be seen on the drawing. The trail was transparent - unlike an aircraft trail - only a few feet long and dispersing very rapidly. There also seemed to be light reflecting above the craft.

OCTOBER 1974      Salford      FM      MUFORA      7465

What may well turn out to be a case of high value has just been uncovered by Gordon Clegg, the local MUFORA RIC. He is at present looking into it and we will give full details when available. It was late night and a grocer (ex Army Radar Tech) was returning home with a friend from a Rugby game. As they drove the new Mercedes past Quile Hill Park they were blinded by a bright light. They stopped the car and saw a huge round object move over the museum, in the park, and head West towards Eccles. At present all we know is that it was extremely low down.

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27 1975 BEOMBOURCH      19-10      MUFORA 7511  
Several schoolboys of trustworthy disposition reported the observation of a light yellow oval shape which travelled on a N-S path at a faster speed than an aircraft. It was seen for 2-3 mins and was described by one to fade out before it reached the southern horizon. Its flight was perfectly smooth and silent. On the face of it this does see like a satellite observation BUT so far no trace has been found of a satellite which could account for it.  
INVESTIGATION PROCEEDING.

March 16 1975 CULTON PARK      21-00      MUFORA 7515

Very little is known of this exact report, since Radio Picadilly have lost access to the initial report but it has been discovered that it was one of a series of sightings in the area during the early part of March. Police were inundated with calls and after checking found that there was a natural explanation. So far MUFORA has not discovered what this was supposed to be - but as the reports are basically of just white lights there seems little urgency (though satellites were NOT prominent during early March so that explanation would not fit).

March 18 1975 Clarksfield OLDHAM 01-10      MUFORA 7516

Mrs C, with her daughter, reported direct to MUFORA that they had seen an orange white light slowly come from the Oldham Edge area (on a WNW-ESE course) and come towards the Clarksfield estate. The region is close to those subject to the flap of January, though a little further to the south. It enlarged to the size of a 50p piece and even began to look like one. It then decreased to pin point size and vanished. This sounds like an optical phenomena but as yet no conclusion has been reached. Importantly a Royton sighting from the same night is being followed up (for a possible tie in). INVESTIGATION PROCEEDING.

BANGOR POSTSCRIPT::

As pointed out last month the alleged Contactee case from N. Wales would seem somewhat 'dubious'. The address (no 73) does not exist though at no 80 there is a small shop. The contact was supposedly Mike McCrory (the name is not especially Welsh so Welsh names) and this case is on holiday should have come back when there was a Mike McCrory who had been arrived, funny.



Alien seems to have been a puzzler for everyone in the north over recent months. Letters, tapes and a report have led to a confusing situation. Perhaps I can suggest some ideas to what this APEN might be. I intend solely to deal with the t... which I recently had chance to analyse. There are in all just three people involved, as far as I can see. The slow dra... is in fact normal American speech slowed down slightly. (It is not at any other tape speed and note it only says "This is APEN Central Control - nothing else" The two Americans are one and the same. The other two persons are the APEN Southern Controller and the Central Controller's 'Personal Secretary'. (By the way she is reading out her message, as can be seen from the tone of her voice)

When the Northern Controller speaks (the same American) he says, "...All we ask is that all UFO groups cooperate in this study..." and this is followed by what seems a laugh in the back ground. He also says they are UNIT 23 and are forming UNIT 19 to investigate MIBs.

Many of the TV programme extracts were recorded in a sitting room and the poor quality is NOT a malfunction but background noise of people and a bad recording level. An interesting point is that they say membership is by 'invite' only. Compare this to the Aryan ideal of Nazism and the military and Nazi music played on the tape (not to mention the military manner of the organisation).

I issue a challenge to APEN - if they exist - to send a tape or letter WITH an address to prove that they are real and not just an elaborate hoax.

(I would hope that we are not going to involve ourselves endlessly in useless speculation about APEN. Surely we have better things to do. As Mike says the whole thing smacks of unsavory ideals IF it is any more than a load of rubbish (which frankly after one year of tireless refusal to give a contact address most people assume). I hope Mike has cleared the air. Naturally we will continue to mention developments - but maybe all they want is for us to be strung along and get overexcited. We won't!)

#### EDITOR

STOP PRESS:: I have just received a reply from FSR (after three letters and four months). Eileen Buckle more or less says they simply do not have space to publish regular information from northern Britain, as supplied by NUFON, but she will try to talk Charles Power into including something. (sometime!)

#### AROUND THE GROUPS: 2) Scunthorpe UFO Society

SUFORS, ALONG With WUFOS (featured last month), were one of the original constituents of the NUFON set up (then known as UNO). They were formed in MAY 1972 and since then have held regular weekly meetings at the GRANGE FARM HOBBIES CENTRE. Their membership is not large and centres round the 20-30 age group, nevertheless they manage to do some very useful work. They are not an 'official' type group and have dispensed with the need for a committee. They also do not concentrate solely on UFO reports - looking into cases of all types of mysteries in the Lincs area. Notably Nigel Watson, the Chairman, and guiding light is a regular contributor to the fortnightly journal 'The News' and his most interesting thesis on UFOs and Folklore is now available through NUFON (see F5). UFO reports have been few and far between these past two years but they have not wasted the time and produced a full report on their 'positive sightings'. It is in limited supply but may be available from Nigel. Information from it is included with Nigel's thesis on UFOs and more will be found in the forthcoming NUFON Report. They have also held lectures to add spice to their lively discussions - and some famous names have graced them. Recently Nigel has been appointed BUFORA RIC for the AF region (Lincs, Notts & Derbyshire) which will not only be an asset to SUFORS but to NUFON also since it gives us a wider searchnet. There seems little doubt that SUFORS will continue to expand and its wide open attitude to Ufology is most refreshing.

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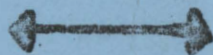
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